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CITY OF TEMPLE CITY
GENERAL PLAN
SCENIC HIGHWAY ELEMENT
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INTRODUCTION

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In 1963 the State Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 1467, which established the California State Scenic Highway Program. In so doing, the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee was established with the responsibility of recommending program criteria and reviewing local applications for official scenic highway designations.

Section 65302 (H) of the Government Code of the State of California established the Scenic Highway Element as a required General Plan Element.

The Scenic Highway Element provides for the development, establishment, and protection of Scenic Highways pursuant to the provisions of Article 2.5 (Commencing with Section 260) of chapter 2 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code.

STATE SCENIC HIGHWAY LEGISLATION

Section 260 of the Streets and Highway Code sets forth the basic intent of the Master Plan for State Scenic Highways as follows:

"It is the intent of the Legislature in designating certain portions of the state highway system as state scenic highways to establish the State's responsibility for the protection and enhancement of California's natural scenic beauty by identifying those portions of the state highway system which together with the adjacent scenic corridors, require special scenic conservation treatment. It is further declared to be the intent of the Legislature in designating such scenic highways to assign responsibility for the development of such scenic highways and for the establishment and application of specific planning and design standards and procedures appropriate thereto and to indicate, in broad statement terms, the location and extent of routes and areas requiring continuing and careful co-ordination of planning, design, construction, and regulation of land use and development, by state and local agencies as appropriate, to protect the social and economic values provided by the State's scenic resources".

The routes presently included in the Scenic Highway System are listed in the Streets and Highways Code, Section 263.1 through 635.

None of the routes listed are within the City limits of the City of Temple City.

EXISTING HIGHWAY

The endorsed map illustrates Rosemead Blvd, intersecting the City in a north-south direction, as the only State Highway within the City of Temple City.

If in the future, should all or a portion of Rosemead Blvd. be

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designated by the State as an official Scenic Highway, it will be the responsibility of the City to:

1. Protect the appearance of the scenic corridor, i.e., the visible land area outside the highway right-of-way. The protection should include the following:
 - a. Regulation of land use
 - b. Control of outdoor advertising
 - c. Control of landscaping
 - d. Regulation of design and appearance of structures.

Temple City is very much concerned with the aesthetic appearance of its circulation system, and maintains an ongoing program of street tree planting and City property maintenance. The City would be able to meet its responsibilities with very few changes to the present ordinances.



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